

REMARKS

The Examiner's continued attention to the present application is noted with appreciation.

The Examiner objected to the drawings as not including any of the reference signs mentioned in the description. A complete set of replacement drawings is being submitted herewith. The drawings have been amended for improved clarity and reproducibility. Reference characters from the specification have been added to the drawings as appropriate. Most of the text originally in the drawings has been removed and added to the written specification. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

The Examiner objected to allowable claims 9, 10, 19, 20, 23, 25, and 29 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 9 and intervening claim 7, and claims 7, 8 and 9 have been canceled. Similarly, claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 19 and intervening claim 17, and claims 17, 18 and 19 have been canceled. Claims 10, 20, and 28 have been amended to correct dependencies, and claims 21 and 22 have been amended to correct typographical errors.

Also accompanying this Amendment is an Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to disclose prior art cited in co-pending Serial No. 10/691,345.

The application is now in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested before the statutory deadline of October 18, 2005. This response is being filed on June 20, 2005, the first business day after June 18, 2005, the Expedited Procedure response deadline.

Authorization is given to charge payment of the appropriate fee, any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Acct. 13-4213.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings

Figures 1-11 have been amended to provide clearer figures and to remove the text and/or add reference characters from the specification. In addition, two drawings in Figure 5 which were not described in either the specification or the figure itself were deleted. Figures 12-17 have been amended to improve their clarity. Replacement sheets for Figures 1-17 are submitted herewith.